



The City of Edinburgh Council

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

The Low Emission Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2021

**The Low Emission Zones (Emission Standards, Exemptions and Penalty Charges)
(Scotland) Regulations 2021**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, and in accordance with The Low Emission Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2021 and The Low Emission Zones (Emission Standards, Exemptions and Penalty Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2021, notice is hereby given that the City of Edinburgh Council ('the Council'), having received consent from the Scottish Ministers on 19 May 2022, will make and operate a Low Emission Zone (LEZ) ('the Scheme') in Edinburgh city centre.

The Low Emission Zone (LEZ) Scheme is located within an area of Edinburgh city centre. The LEZ will cover the public roads in this area but does not cover private or special roads. The Scheme will prohibit the most polluting road vehicles from entering the LEZ, for the purposes of reducing harmful emissions. The Scheme aims to improve air quality and contribute towards climate change emission reduction targets by restricting vehicle movements within a defined geographical area based on vehicle emission standards.

Under the Scheme, as approved:

1. The LEZ will operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year unless subject to a temporary suspension by the Council.
2. Only vehicles that meet or exceed the minimum vehicle emission standards set out in section 2 of the Low Emission Zones (Emission Standards, Exemptions and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 may be driven within the boundary of the LEZ.
3. If a driver of a vehicle that does not meet or exceed the minimum vehicle emission standards drives that vehicle within the boundary of the LEZ, the registered keeper (other than in the circumstances specified in section 5 of the Low Emission Zones (Emission Standards, Exemptions and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2021) will receive a penalty charge.
4. The Scheme will apply to all vehicle classes, except for motorcycles and mopeds. National LEZ exemptions are defined in section 3 of Low Emission Zones (Emission Standards, Exemptions and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.
5. The LEZ will be enforced using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras with penalty notices issued for non-compliant vehicles.

6. The Scheme will be made on 31 May 2022. Enforcement of the LEZ will commence after a grace period. The Council has set a grace period of 2 years for both residents and non-residents. Enforcement of the LEZ will not commence until 01 June 2024.

The Scheme, as approved, can be viewed:

- Online at: edinburgh.gov.uk/LEZ (QR code)
- In person at: the City Chambers reception, 253 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ, Monday to Thursday from 09:00 to 17:00 and on Fridays between 09:00 and 15:00. Please call 0131 529 6698 beforehand, to arrange an appointment or request accessible copies of documentation.